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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MICHAEL S. FOSTER ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 10/046,572

FILED: OCTOBER 26, 2001

FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR  
INTERSWITCH DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE  
IN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

EXAMINER: JASON R. MATTIS

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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.  
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Applicant(s): Foster et al.

Invention: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERSWITCH DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE IN A  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Total Claims	38	- 41 =	0	x	
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